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Drive for Cancer
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Legends Car Club held its annual Drive for Cancer Saturday, raising funds for SCCR. Winning the event's Poker Run was Don Elias, Chase Sawatzky, and Myron Toews, shown here with club member Lyle Dunsmore. For the full story, see Pg. 2.

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Legends Car Club's Drive for Cancer raises funds for SCCR

By Lori Penner

Rainy conditions didn't stop the Legends Car Club from hosting another successful Drive for Cancer on May 25.

The annual event raises much-needed funds for South Central Cancer Resource (SCCR), which supports cancer patients throughout the region.

This drive followed a successful BBQ fundraiser hosted by the Club on May 18 at Janzen Chevrolet in Winkler. Both events raised a combined total of \$24,690.

"In spite of the smaller turnout for this year's drive, that number is pretty consistent with what we've usually raised during the 25 years we've held this event," said club member and volunteer driver Lyle Dunsmore. "It

boggles my mind how here in Southern Manitoba, when the need is there, people just step forward and give. It's almost unbelievable when you think about it."

The drive began at The Gardens on Tenth in Altona. Due to the weather, drivers followed a revised route that took them from Altona to Morris, then to Winkler, and back to Altona.

At each stop, pledges were collected, contributing to the fundraising total. Participants could also join the 50/50 Poker Run.

The day culminated with a barbecue at West Park Motors, providing a chance for participants and supporters to gather and celebrate their efforts.

"We had about 15 classic vehicles at various stages of the route," Dun-



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A few of the classic cars who were part of this year's Legends Car Club Drive for Cancer.

smore said. "Normally, we would have about 30 to 40 classic or special interest vehicles. But it's not really about the number of cars that show up. You could have 150 cars, but if nobody goes out and gets pledges, this whole thing doesn't work. Often, the money comes from people who would not normally even think of leaving a donation to the Cancer Resource, but this event gives them an avenue to do that."

Over the years, Legends has lost a number of members to cancer, and there are other members who are currently facing it.

"As we get older, we know more and more people who are dealing with it. The SCCR has become a resource for some of us, as well. So, as long as we can do this event, we'll keep doing it. None of us is getting any younger."

The need for support has steadily increased. Dunsmore said the \$25,000 they raised at one of their first events decades ago represented SCCR's total annual fuel budget to drive people to Winnipeg for their appointments.

"Last year their budget was \$207,000 for fuel. So the need is not getting

smaller, but we're still doing what we can. I'm always amazed that when the money is needed, somehow, it's there. You never hear them say, 'Sorry we've run out of money.' They just keep going on. The stuff they do for people at Cancer Resource is extremely important."

As a non-profit organization, SCCR relies on the support of community donors, volunteers and fundraising to provide transportation and accommodation assistance to those dealing with cancer, as well as a lymphedema program, wigs and head coverings, skin screening clinics, radon awareness testing, and wellness programs.

Raising funds for SCCR is a labour of love for the car club.

"I'd rather be the one who's asked to help instead of the one who is asking for help. It might be so hard for some people to accept the fact that they need somebody else. But if you need to go to Winnipeg for a treatment, and you don't own a vehicle, somebody has to take you. It's a tough pill to swallow, but South Central Cancer Resource is there," Dunsmore said.

"Everybody that came for this event has at least five people they know who have had cancer or are dealing with it now. That's a big crowd when you put all those people together. This is a proactive way to do something about it."

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Morden's Myrna and Fred Mayor honoured as Citizens of Distinction

By Lorne Stelmach

The first couple to be jointly honoured as Morden's Citizen of Distinction were the guests of honour at a ceremony Sunday afternoon at a packed St. Paul's United Church.

Fred and Myrna Mayor were recognized for an outstanding record of volunteer service that spans over five decades.

"Morden has and will always be a community of service," said Myrna. "Serving our community has always been our deepest pleasure, and the rewards of doing so are far too many to count."

Rick Britton, who was part of nominating the Mayors, saluted them for their positive attitude, enthusiasm and willingness to help others and "for their outstanding record of consistent volunteer service, contributions and commitment for far more than five decades."

"One would be hard pressed to find a corner of the community that has not been impacted by Fred's and Myrna's volunteer efforts, as giving back is at the core of who they are," added Sharon Deveson, who was also part of nominating the couple.

Fred has been an active member of the Elks club since joining in 1968. As

a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, he has chaired the sick and visiting committee and together with Myrna volunteered at community bingos and continues to work the meat and card draws every three months.

He sat on the board of directors of Tabor Home for 12 years and was an active member of the Lions Club in the '80s and '90s and currently holds a seat on the Morden Activity Centre board.

Both Fred and Myrna are Corn and Apple Festival volunteers, working at various booths over the years and most recently helping at the Morden Activity Centre's lunch, while Myrna served as festival queen mother in the early '90s.

Myrna managed the Morden Medical Centre

until her retirement and remained active with community board. She was also a member of the Royal Purple group until the organization ceased operation, and she has lent her voice to the St. Paul's United Church choir since the '60s.

More recently, she was on the Morden Area Foundation's Power of the Purse committee from 2021 to 2023, and she can also be found working volunteer shifts at and serving on the board of the Morden Thrift Shop.

Fred and Myrna are active members of the St. Paul's United Church,

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Morden Area Foundation president Sue Nelson (left) shares a laugh with Myrna and Fred Mayor as she presented the couple with the Citizen of Distinction Award.

both having held various seats on the worship and policy committees and having been involved in fundraising and expansion initiatives and other groups. Both have also logged in many miles driving cancer patients to Winnipeg appointments through South Central Cancer Resource.

"Myrna and I are both overwhelmed with gratitude to have been selected to receive this recognition ... it's truly an honour to be placed in this distinguished company," Fred said

in noting the other previous award recipients in attendance. "It's been an overwhelming experience."

"It's hard to believe that we've actually been involved in that much volunteering with different groups," said Myrna. "We've always felt good about what we've done, and it has been appreciated ... it's been all worthwhile to keep on doing what we've been doing to help make Morden a better place."

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Left: The Mayors presented SCCR's Dianne Mestdagh with the \$1,000 donation that comes with the Citizen of Distinction Award. Above: The St. Paul's United Church choir performed in tribute to the couple.

> **CITIZENS OF DISTINCTION, FROM PG. 3**

Both noted it just always seemed natural for the two of them to do things together.

"After we were married, it just became a part of our life, being involved, being at the church or other community activities. It's just been a way of life," said Fred.

"It's hard to say ... how we've managed to pull it all together," added Myrna, recalling how they had to hire a lot of babysitters. "And it was not a big thing to do."

"It's very humbling," she added, noting the large crowd on hand for the ceremony. "We just don't expect to get that kind of response."

As part of the honour, the Mayors were given a \$1,000 award to present to a recipient of their choice. They selected South Central Cancer Resource.

"You know that you're doing something to help people out ... you feel good being able to do that for people," said Myrna.

"You see so many people that are in need of that type of a service," said Fred, recalling his time as a volunteer driver. "It felt good to be able to do it. I also just enjoyed the company of

the people and made a lot of good friends."

SCCR president Diane Mestdagh expressed their appreciation for the support.

"I'd like to thank you for selecting South Central Cancer Resource as the recipient of your award. We are very aware that there are many very worthy charities in our community."

Nicole Levesque acclaimed to empty Western SD seat

By Lorne Stelmach

The newly-elected trustee for Western School Division looks forward to the challenge of learning the ropes of serving on the school board.

Nicole Levesque was elected by acclamation in the recent by-election, which became necessary with the resignation earlier this year of trustee David Guenther.

"It's going to be a learning curve because I don't really know much about the school system," said Levesque. "The division is going to keep growing ... and it's going to keep getting bigger and bigger, so there's challenges."

Levesque grew up in Hamilton and moved to Morden about 20 years ago. She works as a dental hygienist.

She has three girls aged six, eight, and 11 in the school system, so she has a vested interest in that system.

"And I just wanted to do something because we're not a sports family. I don't really have any hobbies," Levesque said. "I thought it would be interesting to see the inner workings ... and I have three kids who are in the French Immersion program, so I thought it would be nice to be in the know, nice to see what's happening and get involved."

"I know a few people on the board as well, so it would



Nicole Levesque

be interesting to work with them," added Levesque, who took part in her first meeting Monday.

She feels she brings a couple things to the board table.

"I've worked with the public for the last 20 years," said Levesque.

"I grew up French ... and the program is big here and I think it's getting bigger, and there's a lot of people interested in it," she added. "I think it's a very good program to have here, and so I guess I could be a voice for the French community. I think it could be beneficial to have somebody that has that background."



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Alyssa Neufeld named Make It a Reality award winner

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Community Foundation last week presented Northlands Parkway Collegiate Gr. 12 student Alyssa Neufeld with the 2024 Make It a Reality Scholarship.

The \$25,000 award is designed to support a local youth who might not otherwise be able to achieve their post-secondary aspirations.

Neufeld's drive to succeed despite more than her fair share of obstacles made her stand out, shared scholarship committee chair Barb Neufeld.

"We had the great honour of reviewing many applications from some of the most amazing young people in our community," she said. "I must say that it gives us all hope for the future to know that we have so many dedicated and committed young people in Winkler. These students not only excel academically, but are willing to step up in countless ways to be leaders and contributing members in their schools, churches, and the community at large."

"It was a hard decision to make, but one student stood out above the rest. The committee was inspired by Alyssa's positive energy, her self-awareness, her determination to make life better for herself, and for her resilience."

"She's had a lot of adversity in her life, and she has risen above," Neufeld said. "She is an impressive young lady."

Following a failed adoption, Alyssa Neufeld has lived on her own for the past year.

"Due to the lack of [foster] homes, I had to find my own places to live," she said, explaining the only other option presented to her by Child and Family Services was a homeless shelter in Winnipeg. "It's been a struggle to find housing, but I have stayed where I am now since the very end of last year and it's been amazing."

Living independently as a teen means Neufeld is kept busy not just with school but also working 30 hours a week.

Still, she has made it a priority to give back when she can.

"Outside of school, I've been able to volunteer with the concert

hall taking tickets, so that gives me exposure to a lot of the events that are run in the community," Neufeld said. "I also have been involved with the senior centres a bit, but most of my volunteer work has been at school in the Life Skills program."

"I think volunteering gives you a sense of purpose," she said. "For me, it was really difficult because I had a hard home life. So to be able to get involved in the community, it gave me



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Make It a Reality Scholarship winner Alyssa Neufeld (centre) with Winkler Community Foundation scholarship committee members and staff (from left) Barb Neufeld, Natalie Neudorf, Dr. Kavi Abbu, and Tena Lane. Missing are committee members Cam Wiens and Elaine Janzen.

purpose, it gave me a reason to wake up."

"You never know when something is going to happen in your life that you're going to have to rely on the community, so why not give back to a community that gives back to you?"

Neufeld added that making her late mother proud has been another driving force behind her efforts.

"I didn't get to know her very much, but I know that she was one of the most selfless and dedicated people out there, so basically all my high school career I pushed myself. It was hard, but I know that she would have wanted me to have a better life for myself," she said. "This award means that I get to be the first one of my family to graduate high school and pursue a post-secondary education."

She plans to study history and English at university with an eye to

eventually becoming a high school teacher.

Neufeld isn't the only Winkler area youth receiving financial support from the foundation's scholarship program this year.

Barb Neufeld noted the foundation's Gordon Wiebe Education Fund is granting over \$100,000 to more than 40 students.

The fund was created nearly a decade ago thanks to a \$2.2 million bequest from Winkler pharmacist Gordon Wiebe. It presented its first round of scholarships in 2017.

"If we can get a student, a young person, who won't have an opportunity, or would find it really difficult without this, if we can give them a leg up, then I think we're doing exactly what Gordon wanted his money to do," Neufeld said.

Winkler Teddy Bear Picnic coming up June 8

By Ashleigh Viveiros

If your child's favourite stuffed toy hasn't had a check-up in awhile, next week's Winkler Teddy Bear Picnic is the place to fix that.

The Winkler Family Resource Centre hosts the free family event in Winkler Park on Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If the weather is poor that day, the festivities will move to the centre's space in the Emmanuel Mennonite Church (750 15th St.).

"We will have health care professionals of all varieties there," says

WFRF executive director Chantal Human. "They'll set up their tables and kids are welcome to bring their teddy bears and their stuffed animals and go table to table where each health care professional will do a little check up on their teddy bear."

It's a chance for kids to interact with local doctors, nurses, optometrists, physiotherapists, and pharmacists outside what can be a scary clinical environment for youngsters.

"The main purpose is so that kids are more comfortable with them when they go to their appointments,

but on top of that, it's just a really fun day for everyone," Human says.

The day will also include a few other activities for the kids, as well as a barbecue lunch available for purchase.

"Any proceeds from that will go directly back into our programming," Human says.

WFRF offers free early childhood education programs designed to develop pre-schoolers' literacy, numeracy, and social skills.

"A big thing this year is we're doing a strategic planning in the fall," Human shares. "We'll be looking at how

can we grow, how can we support Winkler families even better?"

The centre's program sessions through the year fill up quickly.

"This last program registration, we have wait lists that we can't get through," Human says. "And something that was really interesting is two-thirds of the registrations this last time were new families. So we're reaching new people."

"Every day I'm getting phone calls from people looking for different family-based resources. There are lots of needs."

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Let's legalize murder?

Do you think we should legalize murder in Canada? I heard an argument for this, so hear me out.

Did you know that in 2022 Canada's murder rate as a percentage of the world's was a mere 0.77 per cent?

What this means is that murder in Canada is so statistically small from a global perspective that it makes no difference one way or the other to the global population. So, given this, there really is no point in



By Peter Cantelon

trying to stop it.

We should probably just get rid of laws against murder and start encouraging countries like Mexico to shape up and improve their own standing as the global murder leader at 29.39 per cent before we spend our own precious resources on law enforcement, rehabilitation and the like.

I mean, how dare anyone suggest Canada do anything about murder when countries like Mexico are orders of magnitude worse?

Here's another example of how Canadians are robbing themselves of precious valuable resources simply by "doing the right thing."

Canada's share of the global fishery in comparison to China is so infinitesimally small that we should eradicate all catch limits and let Canadians go nuts, right? I mean, limiting catches

by Canadian fishing vessels makes zero difference compared to others, so why bother?

That all sounds ridiculous, right?

I mean, the above scenarios are so patently silly, and the logic behind them so unbelievably flawed, it's inconceivable that people might take them seriously. But every day there are just as silly arguments being made about all sorts of things, and people just buy into them.

For instance, not long ago, someone decided to complain about how Canada's efforts to reduce carbon emissions were ridiculous considering we are such a small percentage of the global output (it's actually a sadly common complaint). In fact, there are people who think we should be

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letters

SUNCATCH FRUSTRATION

Sadly, the City of Morden councilors and mayor still don't get it.

Seventy per cent wanted the sun-catch "done again"? Ninety-nine per cent of the hundreds who signed the petition about "doing the street closure" were against it.

When the inconvenient truth about the street closure is brought up, this council has swept it under the rug.

They have silenced their opponents, Sandra Wiebe and Marilyn Skubovious, business representatives.

Those who are against the street closure are voters. And at the next mu-

nicipal election we will see the real percentage of voters who want the street closed.

**Dr. Alain Kolt,
Morden**

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Daily bread

How much time do we spend every day engaged in reading?

When we pick up a product to learn about the contents or instructions for use, we are engaged in reading. When the mail arrives we read to see what messages of importance might have come. We read road signs as we drive, although we need to admit that sometimes we treat signs as a suggestion rather than the rule.

We promote reading to our children when they are young and reading by our children as they are maturing. Books with illustrations help capture their imagination as they begin to explore the world beyond their circumstances at home, school and in the community.

Some prefer to read books and news primarily with electronic devices. My cell phone provides me with a monthly summary of screen time and other

details related to my use of the device.

I am not opposed to reading from our electronic devices but in personal practice, I am still a believer in the value of books—printed, bound and waiting for you and me to discover. I like to read in blocks, a chapter or section depending on the style of book, and then set the book aside while I think about what I have read as I give time to other tasks of that day. We need time to absorb and ponder, rather than rush through the content.

It is interesting to observe that Jesus promoted reading. His teachings were not simply based on his personal opinion. They were grounded in specific laws and principles which were recorded in the Scriptures. The ques-

tion of what Scripture says played prominently in his discussions with the Pharisees and Sadducees who were his regular critics.

A frequent phrase of Jesus to these critics was, "Have you not read..." and then he would refer to a specific point of teaching from the Old Testament. Sometimes we build a lot of opinion on a foundation that lacks a true knowledge or understanding of the facts.

If we were to meet the Lord Jesus in person and ask him some of our questions, is it possible he would gently say to us, "Have you not read...?" Taking time to read in the Bible—even for a few minutes each day—can be a wholesome practice for soul and spirit. You should have some kind of

plan or system. You could read along with a daily devotional guide. Make sure that you specifically take time to read from the Bible directly, rather than just reading about it.

You will not immediately find the full answer to the questions you have, but you can find a signpost of God's truth and grace to give you the hope and help you need as you look to God for courage and direction for this day. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray "Give us this day our daily bread..." The bread is a reference to all the needs of everyday life. The Scriptures provide guidance as we seek God's bread for our hungry soul.

Randy Smart has been a pastor in Southern Manitoba since 1979.



By Randy Smart

> CANTELON, FROM PG. 6

focusing on something else more immediately important rather than wasting our time trying to reduce emissions, as if it were a this or that sort of choice.

For the record, in 2022, Canada's carbon emissions amounted to 1.47 per cent of the global total (or twice the rate of our share of murders on the global stage).

These constant weird arguments of "if this, then this" that amount to false dichotomies or artificially forced binary choices are designed

to obfuscate, create division, and foster frustration, nothing more.

The reality is that we know reducing carbon emissions is better for the climate than not reducing them. So why wouldn't we want to do the very definition of a good thing: stewarding this earth?

If every country who had emissions of less than two per cent used the argument that reducing their emissions made no difference and did nothing, that adds up to more than 60 per cent of all global carbon

emissions—twice the amount of the largest producer (China).

Making good choices matter, no matter how small the impact. We cannot let the lie that our little choices don't matter to spread and infect society because this is simply wrong.

You decision to reduce your carbon footprint by cycling one out of five days a week to work instead of driving matters. Decisions like this make a difference. Keep at it and do not be discouraged by poor thinking and bad arguments.

Truth & Action Working Group hosting film screening

By Lorne Stelmach

A film screening and presentation in Morden will shine a light on the impact Manitoba Hydro has had on the lands and lives of the community of South Indian Lake.

The local Truth and Action Working Group is hosting a showing of *Augmented Flow: Licence to Destroy* Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. at the Westside Church. The evening will also include a presentation by Les Dysart, CEO of the Community Association of South Indian Lake.

Augmented Flow features elders, knowledge keepers, and other community members sharing their perspectives on hydro and its impact on their lives and lands.

The story revolves around the Churchill River diversion, which was built in the early 1970s, but the impact continues to this day.

The hydro project diverted most of the natural flow of the Churchill River through a man-made channel into the

Rat and Burntwood Rivers and ending up in the lower Nelson River to power the mega-dams.

"Our community and our residents were forced to relocate from our traditional homes in about 1975. We really had no say in the matter, even though we refused. We were practically forced to move," said Les Dysart, who served as a producer, writer, and narrator for the film.

He is a lifelong resident of South Indian Lake (SIL), now known as O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation (OPCN) and grew up on the shores of the lake and is an active hunter, commercial fisher, and trapper.

For this community, whose lifeblood is the lake, Manitoba Hydro's relentless pursuit for power has gouged and eroded not only the health of the lake but the First Nation community itself, said Dysart.

In the film, elders and community members describe the turbulent engineered flooding that has shut down the fishing industry, drowned their

homes, washed away historical and sacred sites, and forced relocation.

"It was a devastating impact," said Dysart. "Our community, as remote as it was, was the third largest lake whitefish fishery in North America at the time of relocation. We had a significant economic industry associated to the lake whitefish fishery.

"That fishery and economy, along with our community, has been devastated since then," he continued. "We can barely produce a fraction of it now, less than 10 per cent of the historic commercial catches."

Dysart sees the film as an important way to get the story and their message out.

"I've been active, over 25 years trying to educate and advocate for change because change is possible, where we can find a balance with Manitoba Hydro and our community, so we can move forward in a more positive manner for both entities.

"It's now a tool where I can educate all stakeholders ... and all Manitoba

residents and Manitoba Hydro customers are stakeholders in what happens to our community," he added. "They need to be aware of the forced sacrifice we have had to endure for the last 50 plus years for power generation.

"I've learned most of the impacts were avoidable and definitely could be mitigated, and Manitoba Hydro does very little to mitigate the impacts, and that needs to change," he said.

"I want to make people aware but also want them to raise their voices," he continued. "People need to know when they flick on a switch that there's impacts in our community.

"It can be managed better ... they just need to be held responsible and be responsible to the people in the communities they impact."

In the end, he wants people to come away from the Morden presentation with some sense of hope rather than just anger or dismay about it all.

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Morden Community Thrift Shop hands out \$268K in grants

By Lorne Stelmach

A wide variety of community organizations and projects are benefiting from the spring grants presented Monday by the Morden Community Thrift Shop.

There were 27 organizations receiving a portion of the \$268,000 handed out by the thrift store on Monday, with the largest being \$45,000 to the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation for medical equipment in support of the hospital expansion.

"We have a lot going on ... it's happening, and we are really, really excited about it ... we're trying to build a hospital for these doctors to come to, and with your help, that's happening," said foundation executive director Shannon Samatte Folkett.

"Our hospital, our fire department and our police department, they're high priorities on our list ... those are the first ones we look at," said thrift store president Kent Noel in explaining how they go about selecting their recipients.

"It's a process even just going through the applications and who can get what, how do we break this down ... we have a budget we have to work with," he noted.

"After there ... we have to break it down little by little, but we try to give everybody a little something if we can," he said, adding that the applications not only go through the board but then to the volunteers for them to have their say.

"Everybody that sends an application, we do take a look at it ... if we can, we do what we can do."

Noel was pleased they had a bit more money to work with this time around as business has continued to recover post pandemic.

"We were slow ... we had some slow times, but it's booming for us right



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Twenty-seven organizations received \$268,000 in funding from the Morden Community Thrift Store on Monday.

now," he said.

"It's up quite a bit from our normal donations back to the community, which is usually in the fall and in the spring ... we've had tremendous sales the last few months, and it's all because of our community being able to donate to us and our volunteers doing the hard work."

And the payoff comes on the day when they are able to hand over the money back to the community.

"It's heartwarming to see the smiling faces," he said. "There's a lot of hard work that goes into doing what we do, and this is the reward. It's a blessing to be able to do this for the community."

Here is a breakdown of the remainder of the grants:

- STARS air ambulance: \$35,000.
- Menzies Medical Centre: \$30,000.
- Morden Fire and Rescue: \$25,000 for breathing apparatuses.
- Western School Division for Ecole Discovery Trails School: \$20,000 as part of a five-year \$100,000 commit-

ment in support of the track and soccer field.

- Morden Police Service: \$15,000 for a hydraulic breach.
- South Central Cancer Resource: \$10,000.
- Many Hands Resource Centre: \$8,000 for food currency voucher program.
- Tabor Home: \$5,000 for a mural and walking path.
- Youth for Christ: \$5,000 for program funding assistance.
- Pembina Counselling Service: \$5,000 for counselling assistance support.
- 500 Stephen Street community centre: \$5,000.
- Morden school aged programming committee: \$5,000.
- Morden Citizens on Patrol: \$5,000.
- Morden Handivan: \$5,000 towards new van.
- École Morden Middle School: \$5,000 towards wheelchair accessible play structure.
- Katie Cares: \$5,000 for new beds.

• Darlingford fire department: \$4,000 for rescue and fire suppression equipment.

- Pembina Valley Humane Society: \$3,000 for a new washer and dryer.
- Morden Family Resource Centre: \$3,000 for program support.
- Regional Connections: \$3,000 for newcomer youth drop-in support.
- Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre: \$2,500 for supplies.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley: \$2,500 for mentorship programs.
- Douglas Kuhl School of Music: \$2,500 for the string ensemble.
- Morden Christian Programming: \$2,500 for sound equipment at Corn and Apple Festival.
- Central Manitoba Choral Association: \$2,000 for travel assistance.
- Pembina Climate Action Network: \$2,000.

In addition, the thrift store has provided \$8,000 to Morden Collegiate in support of upcoming scholarships.

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"I hope it's a positive experience for them and that they learn about Manitoba Hydro ... because Manitoba Hydro has over six decades of literally pulling the wool over people's eyes on the impacts they do mostly to indigenous people

and communities," said Dysart. "I can't change the past, but we can give people the reality so they can make informed decisions and move forward in a more positive manner with balance."

GVC students distribute \$4,230 in grants to local non-profits

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Garden Valley Collegiate students invited representatives from five local non-profits to the Winkler high school last week to receive \$4,230 in grants.

Instead of the usual Youth In Philanthropy extracurricular group, GVC this year folded traditional YIP activities into its various business classes.

"We did things a little bit differently this year," explained teacher Susana Hawryshko. "Rhonda Kezema and I are both business teachers at GVC and we decided that we were going to work on teaching social responsibility as a business owner and incorporate that into as many classes as we could."

As a result, the venture development students organized an artisan market to sell the products of the businesses they developed, with table proceeds going to the YIP fund.

Meanwhile, the GVC accounting students put their skills to work by selling student discount cards and keeping track of their sales and proceeds.

Finally, personal finance students planned and ran a food drive for the Winkler and District Food Cupboard and also organized a donut sale to raise some money.

"Fundraising is our way to give back to organizations in our community that are working to help others," noted Hawryshko.

Students reps from each campaign came together this spring to decide where the money would go.

"This year we were really lucky, and it was tough at the same time, because we received 10 grant applications," Hawryshko said. "The criteria for granting was if the group felt that they had a connection to the requested organization or to the project, did the project have any direct impact on GVC students or students in the community, as well as was the group able to provide most if not all of the money that was being requested?"

Katie Cares received \$100 to purchase new pillow cases for the Katie's Cottage respite home.

The Winkler Day Care Centre received \$130 to purchase puzzles for their playground.

Regional Connections' Settlement Workers in Schools program received \$1,000 to help with the program's transportation costs.

The Winkler Family Resource Centre received \$1,200 towards their new Coping With Change program focusing on post-partum care.

And Adult and Teen Challenge received \$1,800 to support individuals



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Back Row: GVC teachers Susana Hawryshko and Rhonda Kezema, Steve Chaboyer and Derek Neufeld from Adult and Teen Challenge, Ang Nickel from Winkler Day Care, Karly Wiebe and Aminat Ismail from Regional Connections. Front row: Chantal Human from the Winkler Family Resource Centre, student Cristina Dyck, Ruth Reimer from Katie Cares, and students Dishika Bansal, Heidi Braun, and Rachel Strempler at the presentation of the school's 2024 Youth in Philanthropy grants last week.

struggling with addictions.

The granting process was certainly an eye-opening one, the students shared.

"There's lots of different opinions on where [funds] should go," said Gr. 10 student Rachel Strempler. "But at the end of the day we all agreed that any money we could give back is money well given, and all of the options were just great opportunities to give to."

Strempler and fellow Gr. 10 students Heidi Braun and Dishika Bansal were part of the group that organized the food drive, which collected over 1,000 items for the food cupboard.

"I always wanted to have ways to get involved with the community," said Bansal of her involvement. "I was really excited about the fundraiser and being able to help count everything and make it organized."

Braun noted the highlight was "to be able to give back" and ensure everyone is able to put food on the table.

"The food drive directly affects students in our school," added Strempler. "There can be families that can really benefit from that, so having the option to help those around us when we don't always see those needs is a really cool opportunity."

Chantal Human from the Winkler Family Resource Centre says it's great to see young people stepping up and working together to make a difference.

"I think it's so neat to see kids so passionate about their community," she said. "I was talking with the teachers here, and they were saying the [granting] discussions the kids are having are so in depth ... it feels really nice to see that as an organization, as

Winkler Family Resource Centre, that we're seen and that the kids can see what we're doing is valuable."

"I think it's a great exercise for students to go through, because they can learn so much about how a non-profit it might work," noted Ruth Reimer

from Katie Cares. "That is always the goal, is that a student learned something, and from that they can build and grow, And maybe one day they're going to be on the other side, that they're going to be asking for a grant, so they know the process."



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Iconic Morden Park tree gets a facelift

By Lorne Stelmach

A landmark tree in Morden got a new lease on life this past week as a natural piece of art.

The large American elm in the centre of the road entrance into Morden Park required significant work given its declining condition.

The tree had become a safety hazard, with dead sections hanging over the sidewalk and adjacent roadway, so it required the removal of unsafe branches.

The elm however was not suffering from Dutch Elm Disease and didn't require complete removal, so the city hired Barry Dueck, who specializes in chain saw wood carving, to work with it.

"We are committed to preserving our natural treasures as much as possible," said Shawn Dias, parks and urban forestry director for the City of Morden. "While the tree has unfortunately lost some of its vitality, our focus remains on ensuring public safety and maintaining the integrity of the remaining structure."

"I think it's going to be very cool," said Dueck, who worked on the tree through the whole week.

"I've been doing this for about four or five years now. For me, I get to take something that's basically going to be thrown away or it's going to become fire wood. It's going to be disposed of,

but I get to make something beautiful out of it."

Wood carving has been a side business for Dueck, but he has been getting busier with it, and he has been involved with the Morden Arbor Day for a number of years as a demonstrator. (This year's Arbor Day festivities take place in Morden Park from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 9.)

This project came about after a number of discussions with the city and particularly with Dias.

"It's something we first talked about months ago when we knew the tree had to come down because of the rot in the top of the tree. It was becoming a danger," said Dueck.

"It was actually a pretty exciting phone call to get a big project like this," he added, noting some of the community reaction initially was mixed without people knowing why it was being done.

"I think it starts off half positive and half negative, but so far I think it's been pretty positive ... people have been driving by and giving thumbs up or honking horns," he said.

"We were cutting it down, and it was basically hollow to where it's cut now. That's where it gets more solid ... so it was getting ready to fall."

Dueck and Dias both came to the table with ideas and did up a few drawings for the possible design.

"The elm leaves on either side were something Shawn was very happy about to pay honour to the elm tree," said Dueck. "And there's going to be an eagle on the top with a nest and some eaglets. That was one of my ideas."

A lot of thought and careful planning goes into a project like this, he noted.

"I want to get the dimensions right to make sure that everything is going to fit," he said, while stressing also the need to protect and



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Barry Dueck last week transforming the Morden Park entrance tree into a work of art. Below: City staff had to cut down part of the old tree for safety.

save what is left of the tree.

"That's why we started with stripping the bark. Once the bark is off, the danger of Dutch Elm Disease is no longer a thing, from what I understand," he said.

Dueck finally seals it with a var-

nish which is very weather resistant, although it will probably need to be reapplied every year.

"Once it's carved and sealed, it can be here for many years," he said. "As long as we keep the weather out, it will be standing there for a long time."



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RRVSD Gr. 5 students attend Sports Exploration Day

By Siobhan Maas

On May 16, the Red River Valley School Division athletics department hosted their second non-traditional sports event of the year at the Morris Multiplex.

A day for all Gr. 5 classes in the division to attend, Sport Exploration Day brought students together to explore a variety of physical activities, some of which they might not otherwise take part in through the public school system.

Organizer and senior years physical education teacher Dan Lehmann says the activities came about from a brainstorming session between all eight schools in the division.

The event followed up on the Indigenous Games Day hosted in mid-February for Gr. 6 students.

"It was well received from adults and students alike," said Lehmann. "It is great that the [Morris Multiplex]

complex has allowed us so much space."

Sports Exploration Day brought together 168 youth to try their hand at pickleball, ultimate frisbee, floor ball (a version of hockey), baseball, rugby, and cricket.

Students rotated through the indoor and outdoor activity zones in half hour sessions, with a break for lunch.

A mixture of phys. ed. teachers and volunteers introduced the youth to the sports, offering guidance and support in the form of hand grip, arm swing, or wrist snap.

At the pickleball station, Daphne Keck commented on "the range of student's abilities" as she taught them the sport.

"Some groups struggled to get beyond the serve, others were rallying [hitting the ball back and forth]," she said, noting students were commenting to each other that, "It was more fun when I hit [the ball]."



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Brayden Morgan (left, front) and Gavin Frost of Oak Bluff Community School play pickleball against Jameson Turko (left, back) and Cooper Mackay during Sports Exploration Day.

About half of the students participating had previously played pickleball but were eager to try the sport once more.

"Okay, let's go again," Brayden Morgan from Oakbluff Community School was overheard saying.

Lehmann is excited about the possibility of what future events might look like.

"We hope to branch out and offer days that interest others with the intention to add more, have 10-12 stations over the day."

PVWD GROW program expands to Morris, Montcalm

By Siobhan Maas

The Pembina Valley Watershed District (PVWD) has been helping farmers protect watershed health in parts of the province since the late '80s.

This spring, they expanded to include parts of the Morris and Montcalm rural municipalities west of the Red River.

Initially formed to aid farmers in preventing the loss of topsoil through wind and water erosion, the PVWD has grown to include many forms of beneficial management practices that reduce operation costs or losses for a farmer while maintaining or improving watershed health.

A watershed is a land area in which all surface water drains to a certain point. For example, drainage ditches exist to move water off properties after a rainfall event or during spring melt, but overland run-off can still cause erosion of soil, especially in hilly landscapes or in fields without a crop cover.

The eroded soil is a monetary loss for the farmer because it contains nutrients needed for crop growth and the sediment flows into larger water bodies causing toxic algal growth for aquatic species, in turn impacting tourism.

The GROW program is one major

source of funding for the watershed district, with \$1.3 million dollars available for large producers and small farmers.

Standing for Growing Outcomes in Watersheds, the program focus primarily on keeping a watershed healthy by minimizing agricultural impacts on local water bodies.

East region GROW coordinator Dean Richards explains that the aim is "to help farmers develop projects that maintain or improve local watershed health."

Farmers have been receptive as to how the program can help their practices in the new jurisdiction, Richards said.

"Some of the more popular projects include grants for erosion control, shelter belt creation, retention areas. To take advantage of the funding, the landowner needs to be doing some sort of farming," he said. "Erosion control, say for around here in the Red River Valley, could help a

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Altona, Morris Tim Hortons raise thousands for local projects

By Lori Penner

In a whirlwind of activities from April 29 to May 5, the inaugural Smile Cookie Week orchestrated by Altona Tim Horton's managed to put smiles on countless faces.

Nina Edbom-Kehler, coordinator of the Altona and Area Family Resource Centre (AAFRC), reflected on the event's success, even amidst its challenges, as she accepted a cheque for \$16,062 from franchise owner Rupesh Patel and his team.

"It was quite a week, but incredibly rewarding. We had a blast," she remarked, acknowledging the immense effort put in by the AAFRC and its devoted volunteers.

Patel echoed her sentiments, stressing the crucial role of volunteers in smaller communities like theirs, where every \$1.50 cookie sold makes

a difference.

"We have good volunteers," he said. "That's very important right there, especially in smaller towns. We can ask every single guest coming through our storefront, that's one cookie, two cookies at a time. When the volunteers get out and approach businesses, they bring big orders. Like four or five hundred [cookies]."

The volunteers, ranging from retirees to enthusiastic participants from Access Credit Union and Manitoba Sunflower Festival Queen Quest contestants, were instrumental in decorating, packaging, and delivering pre-ordered cookie boxes.

"I got to put on a couple of smiles. I wanted to do more smiles but usually, I had to do the running around, getting more icing, that kind of thing," noted Edbom-Kehler.

The Smile Cookie campaign not



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Tim Hortons Altona staff presented the Altona and Area Family Resource Centre with the proceeds of the Smile Cookie campaign: \$16,062 last week.

only raised funds but also cast a spotlight on the AAFRC, a vital part of the community for over 25 years. Edbom-Kehler utilized the opportunity to engage with patrons at the restaurant, spreading awareness about the centre's mission and services.

"It was great when we had all the cookies stacked in there. We had so many people come by and say, 'Where are they all going?' And then you have the conversation," she said.

"People often ask what we do here, assuming we're government funded. But no, we rely on partnerships and community support for everything we offer," she explained. "Our programs are open to all families with preschoolers, whether they're grandparents, aunts, uncles, or neighbors."

Looking ahead, she envisions greater community visibility for the AAFRC, should they be fortunate enough to participate in another Smile Cookie campaign. While grants support programming and equipment, funding for staffing remains a challenge.

"We need people for our programs—to talk, to play. Sometimes, all it takes is a cardboard box for endless fun. It's not about fancy equipment; it's about human connection," Edbom-Kehler emphasized. "The proceeds from Smile Cookie Week will help us sustain our staffing and continue offering invaluable experiences for families in our community."

MORRIS CAMPAIGN RAISES \$20K

Tim Horton's Smile Cookies also made a big impact in supporting phase two of the Willow Park project in Morris.

Willow Park is the handiwork of Janice Graydon and Melissa Lamotte, which resulted in the revitalization of a small play area existing beside the Morris ball diamonds on the south end of town. The inclusive and accessible space opened last summer and is one of the largest playgrounds in Manitoba.

"The completed phase one has been achieving the goals of attracting many visitors from surrounding communities to Morris to enjoy that amenity," shared Graydon. "The number one feedback we get from residents and visitors is the high level of need for washroom facilities to support that space."

Phase Two includes a picnic shelter for 120 people with a BBQ rental area, canteen, water station, and two family-sized washrooms. Several picnic tables and benches will also be on site. The goal is to have this phase of the project completed in the summer of 2025.

"We are very excited to get the second phase built and are so grateful for all our sponsors who have been critical in the success thus far," Graydon said. "We are grateful to all the volunteers who helped make the Smile Cookie drive a success."

"The Morris Smile Cookie campaign went extremely well this year," noted Patel. "We made over \$20,000. We were hoping to match or exceed last year's number of over \$24,000, but this is still an incredible amount."

He added, "Even as a smaller community, Morris has always shown incredible support for local causes. The teamwork Janice and Melissa had was great. I can't thank them enough."



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Tim Hortons staff presented reps from the Willow Park project with a donation of nearly \$21,000 last week, representing the proceeds from the Smile Cookie campaign held at the restaurant April 29 to May 2.

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Cutting the ribbon on Sunvalley Tire's new home

By Lori Penner

Staff and customers have been enjoying Sun Valley Tire's new and improved shop since they opened for business in Altona's Business Park a few months ago.

The grand reopening celebration on May 24 included a ribbon cutting, as well as a free hot dog lunch hosted by Altona YFC and an opportunity to enter a variety of door prize draws.

There were also greetings from Border Land MLA Josh Guenther and Altona Mayor Harv Schroeder, who both offered their congratulations on the business' new location and wishes for their ongoing success.

Having worked for a Goodyear tire franchise, owners Ken and Glenda Hildebrand were looking for a more personal connection with the customer which led them to start up Sunvalley Tire in 1992 in Winkler. The Altona tire shop, originally located on Centre Avenue, was added in 2008.

"It was a slow start and has really increased since then. But we outgrew

the building and the yard. All the farm equipment was getting bigger, and more and more big trucks were coming by," Ken said.

"This new location on Bunge Road offers so much room. There are often 80 to 100 trucks a day that drive by here, so it's great for visibility, as well."

"The old location was not great for any type of trucks getting in and out, because it was off of a busy road," added Glenda. "To try and back into the shop was stopping traffic. Here they can get a truck in the shop, beside the shop, and in the shop, with big trailers. The increase in space is phenomenal."

Ernie Wiebe has been managing Sunvalley Tire in Altona for 16 years.

"The new building is beautiful. The yard is set up so much nicer. We serve about thousands of customers a year, from small cars to tractors and semi trucks. We're happy to be here."

Assistant manager Peter Teichroeb says, "We're all so excited about this. We're happy to have Ernie here as our manager. He's been a very good em-

**"THE INCREASE
IN SPACE IS
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Dignitaries, Sunvalley Tire staff, and owners Ken and Glenda Hildebrand (third and second from right) cut the ribbon at their new location in Altona's Business Park on May 24.

ployee, very helpful, knowledgeable, so we really appreciate him being in Altona. All the staff from the old location moved over here, and they all say it's just a blessing. It's big and new and bright. We're getting a lot of compliments about the drive through bay. That's been a very big addition. We also have a tractor tire machine. The new building has two car bay

hoists. We can hoist larger vehicles now with the four-post hoist. Another feature we really enjoy is the big open concept at the front of the office for the customers. They can walk around and see the tire display."

"It's a big change for them and for us, but it's a good change," added Ken. "We're hope to serve customers there for many years to come."



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Plum Coulee fdn. hands out over \$23K in grants

By Lori Penner

The Plum Coulee Community Foundation presented its 2024 grants last week, reinvesting thousands of dollars back into the community.

The funds were presented during the board's annual general meeting, which followed a successful soup and pie fundraiser that brought in \$2,300 for the foundation.

The organization's net assets, including investments, grew to \$835,199 last year, generating just over \$23,000 in interest, which will support eight local organizations.

General grants totalling \$17,814 were distributed to Winkler Family Resource Centre, Plum Coulee School Parent Advisory Council, Plum Fest, Plum Coulee Community Gardens, Plum Coulee Minor Ball, Centre on Main, and the Imagination Library. As well, the Plum Coulee Prairie View Elevator Museum received a maintenance grant of \$5,352.

Mary Eberling-Penner of the Plum Coulee School Parent Advisory Council said they are deeply grateful for the \$3,000 they received for Phase 2 of their play structure.

"There has been a lot of fundraising toward the play structure upgrade over the years. The big slide ended up being \$40,000, which was more than we anticipated. The ice came in January, and the old slide from the eighties had gaping cracks in it, and was not salvageable, and had to come down. The kids were very disheartened. After fundraising and seeking grants, we've been counting the pennies. I think this grant and the last fundraising efforts by the school could

be enough to purchase the slide. It's amazing that a school in a town this size can raise \$40,000 in a year."

The board was also happy to report that last fall's Giving Challenge raised \$16,871, which increased the amount in their general community fund, allowing them to grant more to local non-profits.

"It was a very successful year, rounding off with our soup and pie, which always has such great support from the community," said board chair Levi Taylor.

Taylor noted that the board had a tough task selecting grant recipients from the 17 applications they received this year.

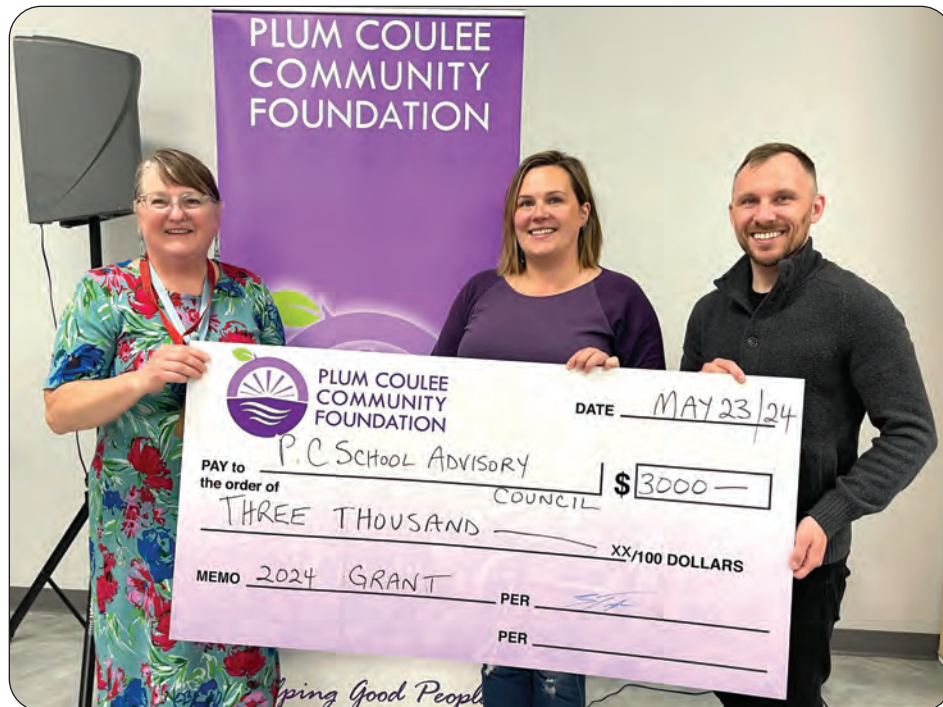
"We look at things that are true to the community. Whether it's innovative. Whether it meets a need in the community, along with how it aligns with the foundation's objectives and vision."

Taylor added that as the community grows, people need to become aware of what resources are out there and what the foundation does to support them.

"That's why one of the granting criteria is how is the foundation going to be recognized through this. We want to make sure that the donations we receive have a long-lasting impact in the community."

Taylor expressed gratitude to everyone in the community who contributed to the foundation.

"The foundation's vision is to help good people do great things. For many years, this board has successfully done that, by contributing to a number of non-profit organizations, and different initiatives in and around



PHOTOS BY LORI PENNER/VOICE

The Plum Coulee Community Foundation handed out grants to numerous community groups last week, including \$3,000 to the Plum Coulee School parent advisory council (above) and \$5,000 to the Plum Coulee Plum Fest (below). A total of \$23,166 in grants were distributed for 2024.

Plum Coulee. Our dedicated board has more than pulled its weight for the last year, after we lost a few board members. If anyone is interested in joining the board, please reach out to us."

He added, "I think the more the merrier. It allows us to spread the work, so we can accomplish more to allocate resources and to take on new initiatives. Plus, it adds a fresh perspective and a bounty of new ideas."

The foundation is also looking to add a part-time administrator to assist the board.

"We are currently exploring multiple options, to ensure the foundation remains intact for the foreseeable future," said Taylor.

Going forward, the board will be putting a strong focus on growing its newly established Administrative Fund, with the goal of eventually hiring an administrator.

The position was formerly part of a shared work program, with Endow Manitoba paying half the salary of an administrator and the foundation making up the rest.

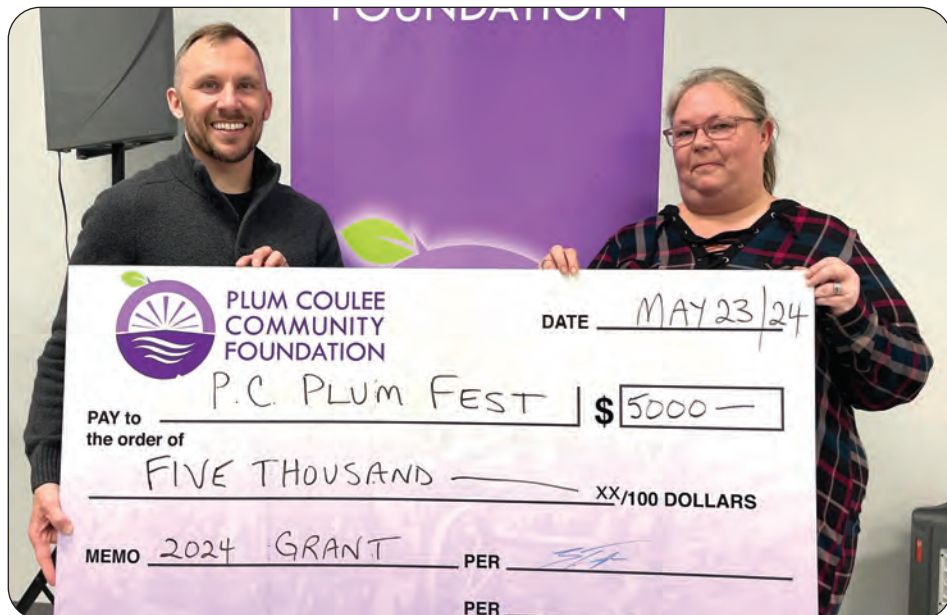
However, that arrangement has since shifted, and the Plum Coulee Foundation has begun relying on the Winkler Community Foundation's administrator.

Taylor says it's now necessary for the board to find a long-term solution.

"It's been more difficult to operate a charity or not-for-profit. That's why it's important to allocate certain resources to our Administrative Fund, so that somebody who is well-versed in those areas can take care of it."

Taylor expressed his gratitude for the board.

"You are extremely hard-working and dedicated. I want you to know you are valued. This foundation couldn't operate without you."



> GROW PROGRAM, FROM PG. 11

farmer seed down riparian areas and prevent flood waters from rising and grabbing that top soil. [A landowner] with even 20 sheep or 10 cows could qualify for a rotational grazing set-up," by ensuring permanent land cover.

"We are a very large watershed reaching from Letellier to Boissevan, but [the board] will take a look at all submitted projects and see if they make sense," said Richards. "A good project will help the environment, help the watershed and benefit the farmer. We've put in 2 billion trees across the watershed district to help

small acreages."

Richards encourages land owners to get in touch with him to learn more.

"See what we have to offer, because [your idea] might fall into a category that you weren't aware of. Please stop by, give me a call, or I'll come see you."

Richards is located at the RM of Montcalm office in Letellier on the first and third Thursdays of the month or in the Altona PVWD office. He can be reached at 431-349-0882.

Information about all the district programming options can be found at pvwd.ca.

ÉMMS selling raffle tickets for cancer supports, new playground

By Lorne Stelmach

There is a double benefit to a raffle that will help the École Morden Middle School parent advisory council raise money for a new playground structure.

It is partnering up with organizers

of the Mike Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament, so a portion of the sale of the \$20 tickets will support the school project, while the other \$15 will be shared by South Central Cancer Resource and CancerCare Manitoba.

"It's a good fundraiser because it not only helps our kids, it helps our

families in this area and the greater community," said Jeri Martens, chairperson of the advisory council.

The top prize is a trip for two to any Winnipeg Jets game anywhere in North America, including accommodations and airfare.

Second prize is a Q Lake Lodge fish-

ing package for three nights for six people in a private cabin and use of two boats as well as an introductory guided tour.

The third place prize is a Thermea spa package worth \$1,000.

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D-Day: The politics involved in how war should be memorialized and remembered

By Geoffrey Bird

Villages and towns along the Normandy coast will fill with visitors this week to commemorate the 78th anniversary of the D-Day landings on June 6. Flags will fly to welcome and acknowledge those who fought in the Great Crusade. Over the summer, hundreds of commemorations will take place to mark 80 days of battle.

While not the only contribution by Canadian service men and women, D-Day takes a prominent place in Canada's cultural memory of the Second World War.

As a researcher of war heritage, I have observed and participated in commemorations in Normandy over the years. My focus has been on how the region, as a memorialized landscape of war, is managed and interpreted. I am also interested in the meaning people draw from the histories and stories told at these sites of memory.

The politics of remembrance

The politics of remembrance refers to the many voices

engaged in how war and the fallen should be memorialized and remembered — from the challenges and opportunities associated with memorial design, speeches by heads of state and war art, to the interpretation of a war heritage site.

Politics of remembrance evolve with new interpretations of the past to suit present-day ideological needs. While expected, the politics of remembrance illustrate how the past can unify or divide people in the present. And the forces at play seem to be changing — three issues point to a new politics of remembrance.

The passing of veterans: There is the inevitable passing of Second World War veterans. With less than 20,000 veterans remaining, in their passing we lose the voice of witnesses.

New generations will become entirely reliant on learning about the Second World War through various secondary means, like museums, schools, local commemorations and books

and films. More funding to support communities to remember and commemorate is important.

Canadian war heritage overseas under threat: In the early 2000s, the Juno Beach Centre was established in Normandy, but it is currently under threat due to condo development. The centre's mandate was ambitious — to not only teach about what happened in Normandy and Canada's wartime involvement, but of Canada as a nation.

Veterans realized the importance of a commemorative hub in Europe for Canada's Second World War story. That vision, and the centre itself, warrants a national effort to protect and preserve this cornerstone of Canadian heritage overseas.

A moral obligation to remember

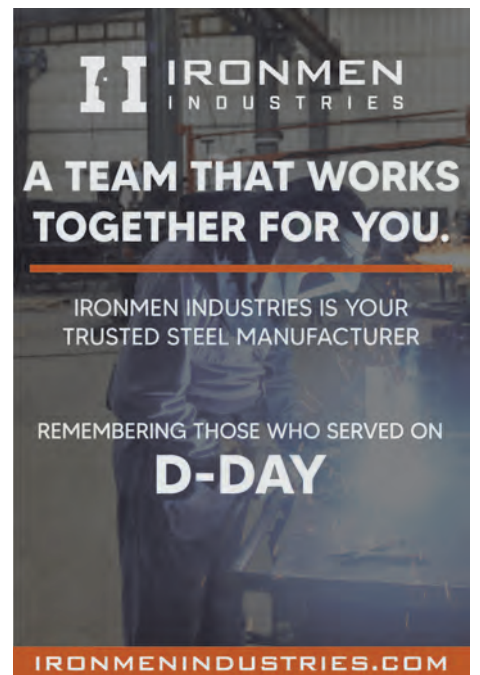
Inherent in the politics of remembrance is the belief among many that there is a moral obligation to remember.

The meaning of remembrance is open to interpretation because each person's experience with and connections to war, military and civilian, are different.

Remembrance for the post-veteran generations involves learning about history and trying to comprehend the what, how and why remembering is relevant today. Visiting sites of war memory, such as Normandy, assist in gaining new perspectives while acknowledging that remembrance is also a journey to imagine the past and its context.

Standing in the footsteps of soldiers triggers many reflections, including on the violence of war, responsibility, camaraderie, sacrifice, liberation and freedom. People often think about what they would do, as hard as it is to imagine.

Geoffrey Bird is a Professor of war heritage, memory and culture, Royal Roads University



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A plant sale and barbecue Thursday at Boundary Trails Health Centre raised money to support the volunteer effort spearheaded by Judy Stambuski to plant the flower gardens at the hospital. "I would think we are a bit better than last year," said Stambuski, who did not have a final tally as of press time. "All in all, I would say my guess we may be up a few dollars or be even with last year when all the dust settles. I'm hoping to have a bit of money left over to buy a new garden tiller."

BTHC plant sale, BBQ supports flower gardens



> RAFFLE, FROM PG. 16

For every ticket sold, buyers can use it for a buy one/get one free green fee at the Minnewasta and Carman golf courses.

There are incentives for the students as well. Each student has been given a ticket book to sell with incentives to earn more ballots to put into a draw to win a school hoodie or T-shirt, and the top three selling classrooms get pizza parties.

Martens said a new playground structure is really important for the school, as the existing wooden structure needs to be replaced with something safer and more accessible.

"There's an old wooden play structure that's been there for quite a long time. It needs to come down because it's starting to get dangerous," said Martens. "We're concerned a little bit about the structure of it."

It has been estimated a basic play structure starts at a cost of about \$80,000, depending on the features.

"We've succeeded in raising \$55,000 so far just through grants," shared Martens, noting they anticipate the raffle being able to earn them another \$17,000. "Now our goal is just to get some of the families in the community to help us fundraise

further."

They have been encouraged with support also coming from a number of other sources including the Morden Area Foundation, Morden Thrift Store, and Western School Division.

"Either way, the structure is coming down, I believe, this summer, so we hope we can get a good start on it," said Martens. "Right now, there are only two other play structures, so it definitely does not handle the numbers ... so we need to get something up. It's not just for the school.

"It is for the community," she added. "The community has access to use these play structures."

If you are interesting in supporting the project, you can contact any ÉMMS family or the school itself. Raffle tickets are on sale until June 13, and the draw will be made July 6.



PHOTO BY LORNE STELMACH/VOICE

Joe Wilson was the headliner as the Crocus Suncatch Sounds concert series kicked off last Friday in Morden. His country sounds were complemented by opener Bill Dowling for the show, which had to be moved indoors because of the weather. The series of six shows in the heart of downtown Morden, beneath the clocktower, continues June 14 with Seven Pines.

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Salem BBQ raises \$20K

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Salem Foundation and the Salem Ladies Auxiliary's annual spring barbecue fed hundreds of people and raised an estimated \$20,000 for the Winkler personal care last week.

"Thanks to being blessed with great weather and the community coming out, we had around 500 people come through, and the number of volunteers we had to make everything run smoothly was just amazing," shared foundation executive coordinator Susan Hildebrand. "Everyone gave their time to serve the community and to help make this event a success."

"We had volunteers helping with traffic, parking, welcoming, barbecuing, serving the food, running around replenishing the food, helping people find a place to sit, taking out garbage, setting up tables and chairs (and taking down), receiving donations, etc. To see the attitude of serving and the willingness to do whatever was asked is a blessing."

The evening also included a musical performance from The Quonset Brothers, who had people up on their feet dancing.

"We thank everyone for coming out to enjoy this special event with us," Hildebrand said, noting they're still crunching the numbers but expect the day brought in upwards of \$20,000.

That money will be used to create a dedicated sitting area for families with a loved one in palliative care at Salem.

Salem CEO Karin Oliveira thanks everyone who came out and supported this cause.

"I was so pleased to see the number of residents that came out with their family or friends. We saw many of our staff bringing their families," she said. "This is truly an event that brings the community of Winkler to Salem Home and where we can all enjoy a time together. I look forward to next year and what we can do even better."



PHOTOS BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Salem Foundation and the Salem Ladies Auxiliary served up 500 meals and raised an estimated \$20,000 at their spring barbecue last week.



Air cadets on parade



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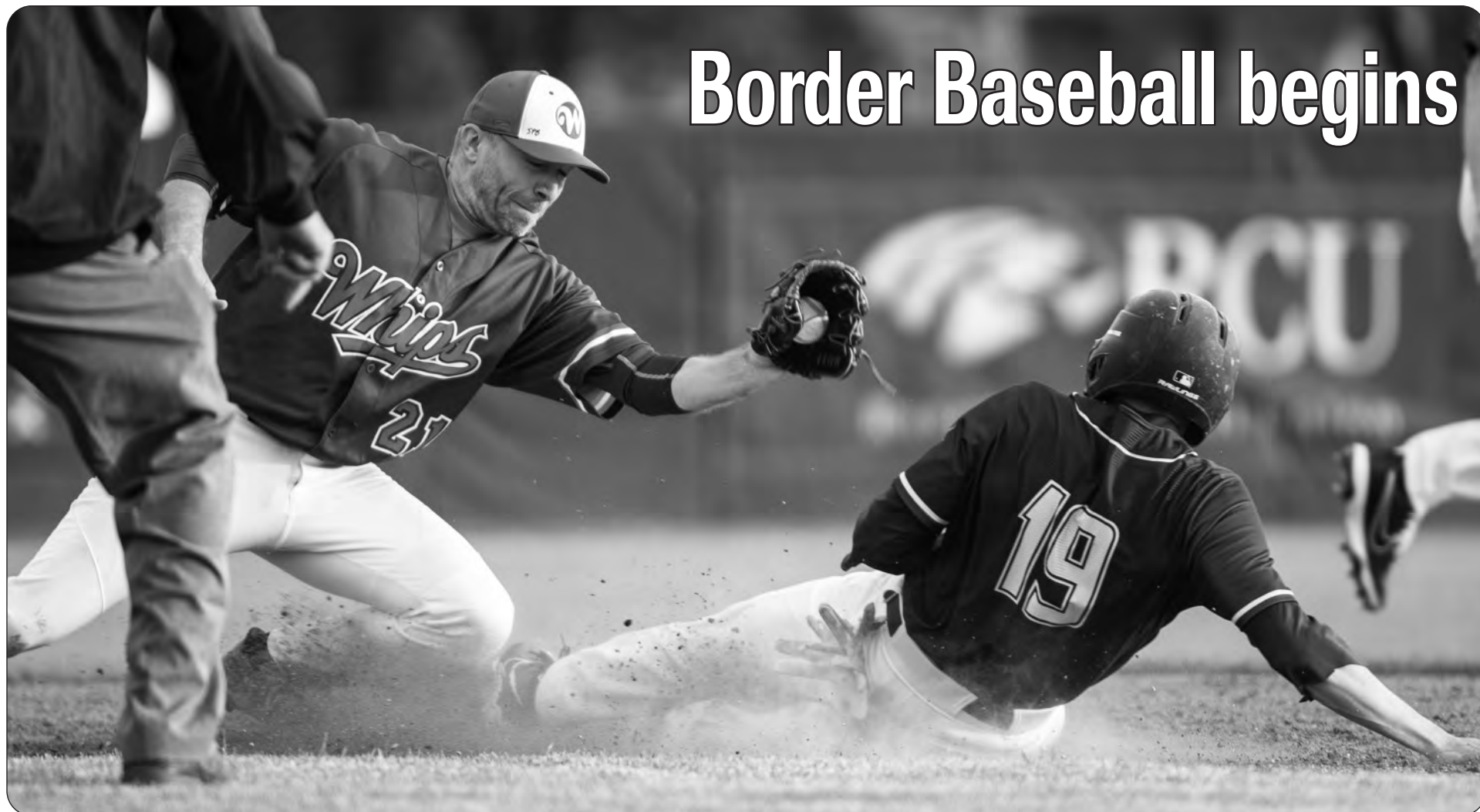
The 179 Morden Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron held their annual Ceremonial Review on Sunday at the Morden Access Event Centre. Following a general inspection and March Past, awards were given to deserving cadets. Reviewing Officer Major Lethbridge spoke briefly, encouraging the cadets "when things are getting tough and you have to make a hard decision, do the right thing."

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Border Baseball begins

PHOTO BY RICK HIEBERT/VOICE

Morden's Pearce McDonald beats the throw to Winkler's Bill Fehr, stealing second base in the two teams' season opener at Arctic Field last week, which the Mud Hens won 5-3.

By Ashleigh Viveiros

After a few rained-out games, the Border Baseball League season finally got underway for the teams from Winkler, Morden, and Altona last

week.

The Morden Mud Hens kicked things off with a 5-3 win over the Whips in Winkler last Tuesday night, while the Altona Bisons opened their season with a trio of wins.

On Tuesday, the Bisons ran roughshod over the Carman Cardinals 7-0. They followed that up with wins of 10-4 and 3-0 against Clearwater Sunday afternoon.

This week, Morden was in Altona

Tuesday night while the Whips headed to Carman. Over the weekend, Winkler is in Pilot Mound Friday evening and Altona plays a double-header in Cartwright Sunday afternoon.

U17 Central Energy win twice to stay in first place

By Ty Dilello

The U17 Central Energy team continued its winning ways with a pair of victories on Sunday afternoon against the Manitoba Angels. With the wins, Central Energy holds top spot in the MPSL standings with a record of 7-2.

In the first game of the doubleheader, U17 Central Energy was victorious against Manitoba Angels by a 5-3 score. Central Energy's Brooklyn Friesen hit a home run, while a critical double by Nelia Fehr gave Central Energy the lead, which they held onto for the win.

Maddy Friesen led things off in the circle for U17 Central Energy. The starting pitcher gave up three hits and one run (zero earned) over four innings, striking out five and walking one. Karli Toews appeared in relief for U17 Central Energy.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Brooklyn Friesen hit two home runs and drove in five runs as Central Energy defeated the Manitoba Angels by a 10-0 score.

Central Energy scored seven runs in the second inning on the way to victory. That inning, Molly Cowan singled, scoring one run, Maddy Friesen

doubled, scoring one run, Brooklyn Friesen homered to center field, scoring two runs, and Christina VanDeVelde doubled, scoring three runs.

Cowan stepped in the circle first for U17 Central Energy. She gave up two hits and zero runs over four innings, striking out two and walking none.

"We had a first close first game with some great pitching from Maddie Friesen and Karli Toews," said U17 Central Energy head coach Cam Zacharias. "We started out slow with our hitting, but then started to get going towards the end of the game. In the second game, we also had great pitch-

ing from Molly Cowan, shutting out the Angels. Molly also had two hits in the game, and then the two home runs from Brooklyn Friesen were big. Solid defence from our squad in both games kept the Angels scoring quite low."

U17 Central Energy is back in action with a doubleheader on June 1 against the Manitoba Thunder at Optimist Park (Gardewine Field) at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

The U15 Central Energy squad split its doubleheader with a win and a loss

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Orioles win doubleheader, Bisons fall to Sultans

By Lorne Stelmach

The Pembina Valley Orioles and Altona Bisons were at opposite ends of doubleheader sweeps in MJBL action Sunday.

The Orioles halted their season-opening three-game losing streak with 7-2 and 5-3 wins over the Interlake Blue Jays, while the Bisons are now in a four-game slide after falling 5-4 and 6-2 to the Carillon Sultans.

Earlier last week, the Orioles fell 5-3 to the Winnipeg South Wolves.

Johnny Martens allowed five hits and four runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out four and walking three, while Karsten Peters went two for four at the plate. Winnipeg outthit Pembina Valley 7-5 ... Orioles had tied it at 3-3 in the top of the fifth.

Jason Penner went three for four at the plate to help pace Pembina Valley to the win in game one with Interlake.

Orioles' pitchers Owen Goertzen and Sam Blatz combined to allow two runs on six hits, while Pembina Valley spread out 13 hits.

Karsten Peters went two for four and collected three RBIs in game two, while Johnny Martens gave up six hits and three runs over six and one third innings.

A walk-off left the Bisons on the short end of a 5-4 defeat in game one against Carillon, which scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth. Maddux Mateychuk allowed five hits and four runs over five and one-third innings, striking out seven.

Game details for the second half of the doubleheader were not available at press time.

This week, the Bisons were scheduled to host Interlake Friday then visit St. James for a doubleheader Sunday.

After welcoming St. Boniface Wednesday, the Orioles were to host Elmwood for a Sunday doubleheader.

Orioles Mike Heppner gets the out at second base and then completes the throw to first to record the double play in Sunday's game against Interlake. The Orioles won the doubleheader with scores of 7-2 and 5-3.

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Beernaerts named MMJHL Coach of the Year



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Pembina Valley Twisters head coach Braeden Beernaerts, middle, was named the MMJHL Coach of the Year for the 2023-24 season at the recent league awards banquet.

By Ty Dilello

On the evening of May 23, Braeden Beernaerts from the Pembina Valley Twisters received the MMJHL Coach of the Year title as the league presented its awards.

Under Beernaerts' coaching, the Twisters delivered a remarkable performance this season, securing second place in the regular standings before narrowly falling in the championship final after a grueling five-game series.

"It's a good feeling being only two years into this position that the work we are putting in is pointing in the right direction," said Beernaerts.

He noted that his award that he received at the recent league banquet is not just a reflection on his job, but of his players, coaches and everyone else involved in the Twisters organization.

"Every year we are motivated to do better each year, award or not, as it's our job as coaches to learn and process each year in order to be better

and more prepared for the next year," said Beernaerts. "This award is really won by the players who play the game for us, as without those 25 players, my assistant coaches, our equipment managers, and trainers, this award isn't possible."

Additionally, Twisters forward Derek Wiebe received recognition at the league banquet for his outstanding performance this season, earning him a spot on the MMJHL First Team All-Star. Throughout the 2023-24 campaign, Wiebe tallied an impressive 20 goals and 47 assists.

For next season, the Twisters will be looking to fill eight spots of graduating players. However, Beernaerts fully believes that they can rebuild and reload for a competitive 2024-2025 season.

"We're excited to build our team again and hopefully have an even stronger year than we just had."

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The Northlands Parkway Collegiate Nighthawks girls fastpitch team won the Zone 4 banner in Portage la Prairie May 22. Teams from Garden Valley Collegiate, Morden Collegiate, W.C. Miller Collegiate, Sanford, and Portage were also in the running for the title, but the Nighthawks came out on top, downing the Aces 13-3 to advance to play Morden in the final, which they won 11-4. The ladies now head to provincials, also in Portage, this weekend. On the boys' side of things, the Morden Thunder clinched the Zone 4 title by downing the GVC Zodiacs 7-4 in the championship game last week.

Mateychuk's Warriors still in contention

By Kieran Reimer

The 104th Memorial Cup is underway in Saginaw, MI.

This year's tournament includes the Moose Jaw Warriors, London Knights, and Drummondville Voltigeurs as champions of their respective junior leagues along with hosts Saginaw Spirit of the Ontario Hockey League.

The tournament began Friday night from DOW Event Center with Saginaw taking on Moose Jaw in front of a crowd of 4,893.

The host team got off to a hot start in the first two periods, scoring four unanswered goals from Nic Sima, Owen Beck, Zayne Parekh, and Jorian Donovan.

The Warriors then stormed back late in the second with three goals of their own. Brayden Yager scored two in the period for the Warriors while Dominion City's Denton Mateychuk had the other goal for the Warriors and added an assist on Yager's second.

The comeback eventually came up short as Saginaw restored their two-goal lead in the third period with a goal from Josh Bloom which proved to be the game-winner.

Mateychuk did add another assist late in the period to cap off a three-point night, but the Warriors ultimately lost 5-4 and fell to 0-1 in the tournament.

Moose Jaw plays their second of three round-robin games Monday night against the OHL champion Lon-

don Knights at 6:30 p.m. central. No score was available at press time.

The Knights will enter the game 1-0 in the tournament as they took down the QMJHL's Drummondville Voltigeurs 4-0 Saturday afternoon.

Philadelphia first-rounder Oliver Bonk led the way for the Knights with a goal, assist, and three rating, and was named player of the game.

The Voltigeur's struggles didn't end there as the QMJHL champs dropped their second game of the tournament the following evening against Saginaw.

The Voltigeurs were in the driver's seat for over half the game, holding a 2-0 lead midway through the second period before Saginaw eventually broke through to goaltender Riley Mercer, scoring two goals in the late second period, and two more in the third.

The Spirit's offence was led by 2025 projected first-rounder Michael Misa who had three assists and was named player of the game as the Spirit downed the Voltigeurs 4-3.

With the first four games done and over, Saginaw sits atop the standings with a 2-0 record and with a win over London on Wednesday night they can clinch a berth in the finals.

Moose Jaw will look to jump into second place with a win over London on Monday night. They then play again Tuesday night against Drummondville at 6:30 p.m. central with a chance to eliminate the Voltigeurs from semi-final contention.

Storm 1 down Lucania

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Storm 1 are getting a winning momentum going in the early part of their season in the Manitoba Major Soccer League's Division 1.

The team followed up on their 2-1 season-opening win earlier this month with a second victory last week.

Tuesday saw the Storm down Lucania United FC 2-1. Ehtha Moon and Santi Bergen both contributed a pair of goals to that tally, alongside a single from Emil Rode.

On Monday, the team battled Grant Park SC to a 2-2 tie. Matheus Ruffini and Cornelius Siemens scored for Winkler.

Winkler Storm 2, meanwhile, playing in Division 2, found themselves on the losing end of their match against the Richmond Kings last Thursday night. The Kings took it 3-2, with Winkler's goals coming from George Siemens and Kris Roberts.

On Sunday, the Storm battled the visiting Scorpions FC to a 1-1 tie. Nico Nickel got Winkler on the board.

The team is 1-1-1 for the season thus far.

Coming up, Storm 1 plays at home against AK Academy Sunday at 7:30 p.m. while Storm 2 hits the road to play UDM in Winnipeg next Monday night.

> CENTRAL ENERGY, FROM PG. 18

against the Westman Magic on Sunday afternoon. Central Energy won the first game 5-4 before losing 9-8 in a close rubber match. They are now in second place in the MPSL standings with a record of 4-2.

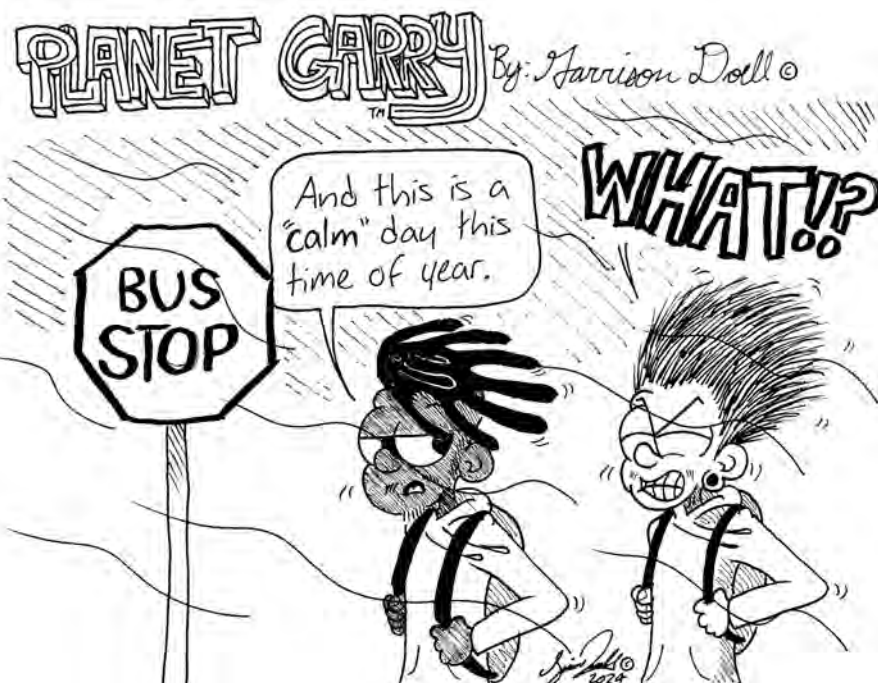
"It was a great day for us," said U15 Central Energy head coach Kevin Perrin. "In the first game, Shyanne Goertzen pitched a great game, and Taylor Wall came in for the close. Wall's home run in the bottom of six for the winning run was a timely big hit. Our defence was bulletproof both games. In the second game, we turned a double play which is huge in women's fastball. Unfortunately, we left a

few runners stranded and fell short, losing by one run. We led the second game until the last inning."

U15 Central Energy is back in action with a doubleheader on June 15 against the Smitty's Terminators and Interlake Phillies at Stonewall's Quarry Park. The game times are 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The U13 Central Energy squad had the weekend off due to rain, but will be back in action with a doubleheader on June 1 against the Smitty's Terminators and Interlake Phillies at Stonewall's Quarry Park. The game times are scheduled for 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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SUDOKU

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

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	9	7	2	7	1	8	6	8
8	7	2	9	6	8	1	7	9
6	8	1	9	8	7	9	7	2
7	9	9	6	8	7	2	1	
7	6	8	1	2	9	7	9	8
1	2	8	7	9	7	6	8	9
9	8	7	8	7	2	9	1	6
8	1	9	7	9	6	2	8	7
2	7	6	8	1	9	8	9	7

Sudoku Answer

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Crossword Answer



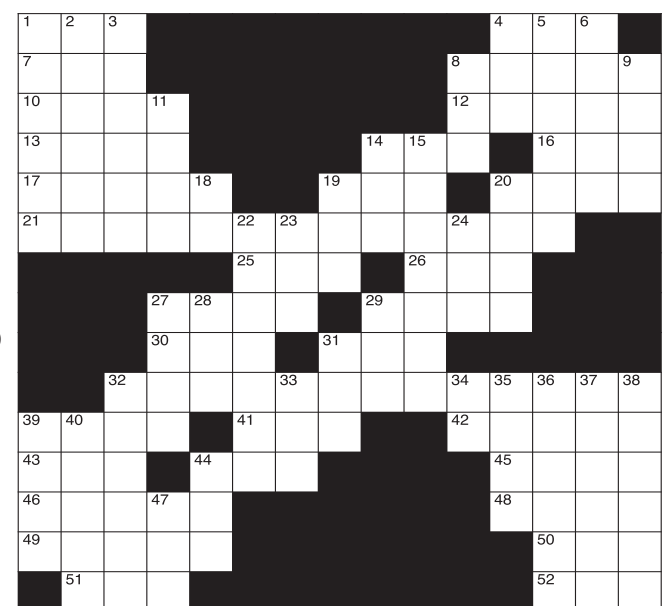
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CLUES ACROSS

- Fashion accessory
- Engine additive
- Small, faint constellation
- Gives a job
- Self-righteous person
- Caucasian language
- Surinam toad
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Former French coin
- Levels the score
- What stage performers do
- Egyptian Sun god
- Localities
- Spherical body
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Perfect
- It's on many people's heads
- Boxing's GOAT
- Photo
- Popular HBO show
- Popular music awards show
- Pouch
- Lake in Botswana
- Unruly group
- One-fourth
- Very eager
- Edward __, author and writer
- Flying insect
- Dragged forcibly
- Thus far
- Not just "play"
- Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- Occur
- Show up



- Capital of Taiwan
- Brother or sister
- Secret get-togethers
- Type of tea
- Where the action is
- Cast out
- Crime group
- Type of vessel (abbr.)
- Accept and handle
- Sacrifice hit
- One who buys and sells securities simultaneously
- Month
- Most thin
- Naturally occurring material
- Luke's mentor __-Wan
- Postmodernist Austrian

"House"

- Aquatic salamander
- Baseball stat
- Beginning military rank
- Talk rapidly and unintelligibly
- Paddle
- Caregiver (abbr.)
- Old Irish alphabet
- Japanese city
- In a way, acted
- Things to see
- Nursemaid
- Type of tooth
- To be demonstrated
- Defunct European group



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OBITUARY

Edith Margaret Link (Sagert) (nee Klatt)
August 25, 1927 – May 22, 2024

On May 22, 2024 Edith Margaret Link (Sagert) (nee Klatt) passed away at the Tabor Home in Morden at the age of 96 years.

Edith was born on August 25, 1927 on the family farm in the 1-6 district south of Morden.

Edith is survived by her children Arthur (Helen) Sagert, Bob (Shirley) Sagert, Beverly (Jerry) Nelson, Wayne Link, Sally (Don) Peters, and Connie (Timothy) Kwiatkowski; daughter-in-law Mary (Peter) Giesbrecht; her eight grandchildren Norman, Bradley (Joann), Lori (Brent), Bonnie (Dan), Kayla, Kelsey (Nathan), Tyler, and Chanler; her six great-grandchildren Taelynn, Trinity, Tyson, Quinton, Jaxx, and Torren; her sisters Martha Hildebrand, Betty (Ed) Pulver, Diane (Ike) Hoeppner, and Vicki Resch and sister-in-law Gladys Klatt; along with numerous nieces and nephews.



Edith was predeceased by her parents, August and Bertha (Bloch) Klatt; her first husband Arnold Sagert; her sons Karl Link and Larry Sagert; her grandson Darrel Sagert; her sisters and brothers-in-law Grace (Laverne) Rach, Dorothy (Albert) Rietze, Samuel Hildebrand, Gary Kilmury, and Bob Resch; and brother Arnold Klatt.

The family wishes to thank all the caring staff at Tabor Home for the excellent care Edith received over the years she resided there.

Memorial Service was held May 26th at Wiebe Funeral Chapel in Morden followed with interment of ashes at Hillside Cemetery.

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

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The Municipality of Rhineland hereby gives notice that a Submission has been added to the Common Project Search (online registry) pursuant to the Canadian Navigable Waters Act described herein and its description.

Pursuant to paragraph 4.1 and 9.1 of the said Act,

The Municipality of Rhineland has deposited with the Minister of Transport,

On the on-line Common Project Search Registry (<http://cps.canada.ca/>) and

Under registry number **10736**, a description of the following work, its site, and plans:

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In, on, over, under, through or across Buffalo Creek Channel (a non-scheduled waterway) near Altona, Manitoba

At Southwest Section 25, Township 1, Range 2WPM

Posted at Altona, Manitoba this 30th day of May 2024.

Michael Rempel
Chief Administrative Officer

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

for Central Manitoba Tourism
on June 12 at Boyne Bistro
**120 - 4 Avenue,
Carman, MB
at 12 noon**

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Morris Curling Club hosts AGM, corn hole tourney

By Siobhan Maas

The Morris Curling Club hosted a pickerel fish fry and corn hole tournament with silent auction alongside their annual general meeting last Saturday.

Board members, young families, and local business owners were among the 70 individuals that attended the event. Live music was provided by Heart n' Funk, a local duo from Morris.

Following the fish and chip dinner, club president Steve Michaleski began the AGM by noting that in 2023 they hosted three international camps with athletes from Mexico, China, and Korea.

As well, over 300 youth from Mor-

ris, Lowe Farm, and Rosenort took part in the Junior Curling Program in the form of 64 lessons and "1,600 hours were taken away from screens and tablets," Michaleski said.

"The club has strengthened our relationship with the Morris School," he continued. "The future is in the Junior Program. To see success in the program tells an important story."

The Dekalb Superspiel Curling Tournament in December brought in \$60,000 for the club.

Mel Baxter, Dekalb-Club liaison, said the earnings are "a tribute to all volunteers that made it as successful as it was. We had excellent, Olympic-quality ice for the event, despite some worries."

The Dekalb will run this year from



PHOTOS BY SIOBHAN MAAS/VOICE

The Morris Curling Club's annual general meeting last weekend included a fish and chip dinner and a corn hole tournament

Nov. 24 to Dec. 2.

Cheryl Demarke, board member, spoke to the \$3,000 raised for the club in the second annual Funspiel held April 5-6.

"Our volunteers worked extremely hard and well together," she said.

Financially, the curling club broke even in 2023, in part due to the hiring of a permanent full-time manager.

Michaleski also noted that "with a change in the board [members], there

was a noticeable buzz in the community. We could see international interest and local support."

A corn hole tournament, composed of 22 teams, closed out the evening, ending with Donovan Olukoya and Greg Seenie taking first place and Mitch Fehr and David Teichroeb claiming second. Both teams went home with Yeti mugs or tumblers donated by PhysiGO Morris.



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY BY CHERYL DEMARKE

Donovan Olukoya and Greg Seenie came in first in the corn hole tournament. Second place went to Mitch Fehr and David Teichroeb.



Chicks at The Gardens

SUBMITTED PHOTO BY DEANDRA BRAUN

Last week, École West Park School teacher Jason Driedger brought some baby chicks to visit the tenants at The Gardens on Tenth. Two of the eggs from the batch in an incubator at the facility hatched almost right away. Driedger then brought the whole flock and shared some information about them. Above: Tenant Margaret Harder shows her delight in the fluffy little chicks.

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> MEAL IDEAS



Caramelized Bananas

1/2-inch-thick coins. Once skillet is hot, add banana slices.

Sprinkle in cinnamon, pour in maple syrup and toss gently to coat both sides. Cook bananas 4 minutes on each side until caramelized. Remove from heat and serve with vanilla ice cream, if desired.

Tips: Be sure bananas are not overly ripe. Green tinge is preferred as bananas will hold up better to heat. Sugar burns quickly watch closely when caramelizing.

Butter, for melting in pan
2 bananas
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons maple syrup
vanilla ice cream (optional)
In medium skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Slice bananas evenly into



Bacon Cheeseburger Casserole

nonstick cooking spray
1 bag (16 ounces) frozen tater tots
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste

In large skillet over medium heat, brown ground turkey, bacon, onion and garlic until turkey is no longer pink. Sprinkle flour over turkey and stir well to combine. Stir in milk, Worcestershire sauce and hot sauce. Cook 2-3 minutes, or until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in cheddar cheese, frozen vegetables and sour cream.

Spray slow cooker with nonstick spray. Place some tater tots in bottom of slow cooker. Pour meat gravy over tater tots. Arrange remaining tater tots on top.

Cover and cook on low 3-3 1/2 hours. During last 10 minutes of cooking, sprinkle with extra cheddar cheese, if desired. Cover and finish cooking.

Recipe adapted from "Julie's Eats and Treats"

Servings: 5
1 pound lean ground turkey
5 bacon strips, diced
1/2 small onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups milk
1/2 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 dash hot sauce
1 1/2 cups cheddar cheese, plus additional for topping (optional), divided
1 bag (6-8 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables
2 tablespoons sour cream



Honey Mustard Cobb Salad with Tomato, Avocado, Bacon, Egg and Feta

1 package (4 ounces) crumbled feta cheese
1/2 cup honey mustard dressing
Preheat large skillet over medium-high heat. Small dice bacon.

Cook bacon, stirring occasionally, until crispy, 4-5 minutes. Using slotted spoon, remove crispy bacon to paper towel-lined plate; set aside.

Wash and dry grape tomatoes, avocados and romaine hearts.

Using clean cutting board, roughly chop eggs. Place on large plate.

Recipe courtesy of Albertsons
Total time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4
8 slices bacon
1 pint grape tomatoes
2 medium Hass avocados
4 romaine hearts
4 hard-cooked eggs, peeled

Ask the money lady

Dear Money Lady,
I don't have a question but rather a comment. I know you write about millennials a lot and I just wanted to add to that. We recently hired 12 new staff to our growing business and all of them were under 35. Maybe we just got lucky, but they are all great. We didn't aim to hire all younger workers, but it just worked out that way and I must say it has given us new and wonderful work karma.

Melinda P.
Dear Melinda, I picked your email comment because I loved your slogan "work karma," thank you.

No matter what your age, being a good co-worker is so important, especially now when working from home. It is so easy to send out inappropriate emails or comment in a non-professional manner, because we don't have to be in the office as often. According to a 2023 Marketplace Study, office etiquette is slipping. It is important to remember that most people tend to have long, elephant-like memories when it comes to work, whether it be good or bad. Taking the high road should always be your goal even if it means a short-term sacrifice.

Canadians will work one third of their life or the equivalent to 90,000 hours. That's a lot of time if you're not happy. Creating a great "work karma" makes life better, makes businesses more successful, and makes workers more productive. It should be the goal of every business, large or small, to foster a good environment. Here are some tips to do so.

1. Never bad-mouth people, even when they are deserving. Try not to lower yourself into a "bash-fest." If others look to you for reinforcement of their cattiness, simply shrug your shoulders, roll your eyes, or shake your head in bewilderment rather than contributing to the conversations.

2. Never break a confidence. It seems nowadays, no one can keep a secret anymore, but we should definitely try to.

3. Thank a person who has done you a good turn and not just with an email; put some feeling into it. Certain favors are



Christine Ibbotson

worth a phone call, a handwritten thank you note, flowers or a lunch out. Always be gracious and don't let being too busy be the reason for you not thanking someone.

4. Compliment your co-workers to other people, especially management. This not only helps the co-worker, but it makes you look good too.

5. When you leave an employer, never bad-mouth people in your former company, (no matter how much you believe they deserve it). You never want to be known as the complainer of your prior "evil-boss." New interested co-workers love to listen to stories, but remember, this will most likely reflect badly on you.

As a last tip for a good "work karma," try to always be transparent. Remember that people don't know what you know unless you tell them and keep them up-to-date. It is so difficult to be collaborative when you are missing key facts. Pooling resources and creating a diverse work environment allows businesses to lean on the different backgrounds, skills, and experiences of their staff to create new ideas and innovative approaches for future growth.

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author, Finance Writer, National Radio Host, and now on CTV Morning Live, and CTV News @6 syndicated across Canada. Send your questions through her website at askthemoneylady.ca

Halve tomatoes lengthwise. Add to plate with eggs.

Halve and pit avocados; using spoon, scoop out flesh and medium dice. Add to plate and set aside.

Chop (or tear) lettuce into bite-sized

pieces.

To serve, divide lettuce between plates or bowls. Top with tomatoes, avocado, bacon, eggs and feta. Drizzle with honey mustard dressing.